

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I feel that the de-regulation of these industries will contribute to a less democratic media and ultimately threaten democracy in America.

This will strangle the diversity of entertainment and information. It will make it more and more difficult for independent voices to be heard.

At the same time those very few and very powerful entities (people and corporations) who own and control the few outlets left can pick and choose carefully the information which is released to a the American audience (and the international audience for that matter).

This will contribute to the mis-informing of the American public. And our country's citizens will be incapable of making decisions and participating in democracy.

Our media already largely bows to the dollar. The consolidation which will occur under this new legislation frightens me.

The costs for campaigning for public office have ballooned, and now the few entities controlling the media can pick and choose with their discretion who gets covered. Understanding candidates platforms and how those platforms will effect the country and the world will be more difficult. Understanding the issues of events happening domestically and internationally will be more difficult. This will be difficult because the coverage on all of these issues will not be accurate, unbiased, or fair.

The policies of this (and past) administrations are transparent and upsetting. Those who control the media and have lent their money and resources to this and past administrations in the interest of their profits, and the administrations have responded in kind.

This, more than any other corruption in our government, is the most alarming issue and for the sake of many - artists, musicians, writers, actors, journalists, and the citizens of America and people of the world - must be stopped.

The air-waves which carry what we hear on the radio and that are the property of the American people have already been stolen, cable is next. PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS DE-REGULATION!!!